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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois congratulate the Lyle and Joy Michael family on being named Clinton County's 2004 Farm Family of the Year; and

WHEREAS, This award recognizes an outstanding farm family who has distinguished itself through participation in family activities, community and civic service, as well as displaying good farm operation management; and

WHEREAS, The Michael's have four children, Clinton, Austin, Landon, and Kali; and

WHEREAS, The Michael family lives on a small dairy farm located in Brookside Township Section 17 on the Southeast corner of Clinton County; the farm is located west of Centralia along the south side of State Route 161; the farm was bought in 1933 by Lyle's grandparents, Henry and Clara Michael; in 1956, Lyle's parents, Elmer and Marilyn managed the family farm, so it was fitting that in 1992, Lyle and Joy became the farm's next generation; and

WHEREAS, Lyle and Joy milk approximately 100 head of Holstein cows on the 40-acre home farm; in addition to the home farm, they own or operate a total of 520 acres of farmland; conservation stewardship is evident with the corn-soybean-wheat with alfalfa rotation and the chisel/disk tillage systems used to reduce erosion; Lyle's father was the first in the area to buy a chisel plow; and

WHEREAS, The Michael's have incorporated No-till into their tillage system on their highly erodible ground; they have 135 acres that have remained in a No-till tillage system for the past 15 years; and

1 WHEREAS, Lyle and Joy are members of the Clinton County
2 Farm Bureau, Prairie Farms Coop., and Young Cooperative where
3 he served as Treasurer, Vice President, and President; Lyle has
4 also served as a past Elder and Chairman for the Board of
5 Education at the Trinity Lutheran School in Hoffmann; Joy has
6 served on the Board of Parish Education church board and has
7 been Vice-President of the Parent Teacher League; therefore, be
8 it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we congratulate the Michael's family on being named the 2004
12 Farm Family of the Year in Clinton County and commend their
13 efforts in land management practices; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the Michael's family as an expression of our
16 esteem.